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Research Tender

Nutrient pollution and ecosystem capacity considerations for consumer companies.

Purpose: Stewart Investors invest in many consumer goods companies providing required consumer goods such as soap and shampoo. Research such as the Millennium Ecosystem Assessment highlights the impact of human activities on nutrient cycling. We would like to understand better how select consumer companies are contributing to nutrient pollution and the contribution and impact of consumer goods companies on ecosystem limits. We will provide a list of global consumer companies on which to focus investigations.

Requirements:

- (a) Desktop report on estimates of the current limits to carrying capacity of nutrient cycles, including dysfunctions in nutrient cycling to date.
- (b) Explain the extent to which the consumer goods industry is contributing to the impact on nutrient cycles and the carrying capacity of the ecosystem.
- (c) Provide recommendations on where the list of companies provided are most at risk, by understanding pollution output from consumption of their flagship products and broader business.
- (d) Identify potential long-term alternative actions for those consumer companies identified as most at risk.

Detours to be avoided:

- (a) An explanation of why or how ecological processes such as nutrient cycling underpins ecosystem services.
- (b) An analysis of statements of policy by the companies.

Scope:

Maximum 20 page report.

Tender specifics:

Please submit a proposal by email (maximum of two pages) to siresearchtenders@stewartinvestors.com on how you would conduct this research, over what timeframe and for what price.

In principle we support making your research report more widely available. However, we reserve the right to prohibit, or place restrictions, on such circulation if we believe that is appropriate. Closing date for application: 30 April 2018.